GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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COVERAGE OF WAR EVENTS IN IRAQ
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made by the Government with regard to the quality of coverage-visual & News of war in Iraq by the Doordarshan team in comparison with the coverage made by other TV networks of the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the areas of reporting in which Doordarshan`s team was considered lacking in the coverage of the events in Iraq; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): Prasar Bharati has informed that an assessment is made continuously withregard to the quality of coverage-visual and News of war in Iraq by the Doordarshan team. Doordarshan`s coverage has made a distinct mark bringing out the Indian perspective.

(b): Prasar Bharati has informed that Doordarshan`s programme `World ViewIndia` on Iraq War has drawn more audiences for DD-I in both non cable and satellite and all TV homes as it has clearly brought out Indian perspective inthe coverage, which was missing in other channels.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.